

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Age 50 and older and ever had a sigmoid or proctoscopic exam:

- In 1997, 40% of Montana adults aged 50 and older reported that they had ever had a sigmoidoscopic or proctoscopic exam.
- Significantly more adults aged 65 to 74 reported that they had ever had a sigmoidoscopic or proctoscopic exam compared to adults aged 50 to 64.
- Small sample size and broad confidence intervals obscure differences in percentages among subpopulations.

Age 50 and older and had a home blood stool test in the past two years:

- In 1997, 24% of Montana adults aged 50 and older reported that they had had a home blood stool test within the past two years.
- Small sample size and broad confidence intervals obscure differences in percentages among subpopulations.

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

16.13 Increase to at least 50 percent the proportion of people aged 50 and older who have received fecal occult blood testing within the preceding 1-2 years, and to at least 40 percent those who have ever received proctosigmoidoscopy.

Table 15. Colorectal Cancer Screening, Montana Adults 50 and older, 1997
(with 95% confidence intervals).

	Ever had a proctoscopic exam				Had a home blood stool test in past 2 years			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
Adults 50+ 1997	738	297	40	(4)	730	171	24	(3)
Sex:								
Male 50+	287	113	38	(6)	288	55	20	(5)
Female 50+	451	184	41	(5)	442	116	28	(5)
Age:								
50 - 64	364	125	33	(5)	359	87	25	(5)
65 - 74	200	96	48	(7)	200	44	22	(6)
75+	174	76	45	(8)	171	40	24	(7)
Education:								
<High School	114	43	36	(9)	113	25	20	(8)
High School	269	93	34	(6)	264	52	20	(5)
Some College	176	83	46	(8)	177	45	24	(7)
College Degree	177	78	44	(8)	174	49	32	(8)
Income:								
<\$10,000"	39				39			
\$10,000 - \$19,999	109	45	38	(9)	107	16	17	(8)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	193	76	40	(7)	192	48	26	(7)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	101	50	48	(10)	99	32	32	(10)
\$50,000+	66	25	39	(12)	64	13	23	(11)
Race:								
White, non-Hispanic	707	228	40	(4)	698	163	24	(4)
Non-white or Hispanic	28				29			

Figure 16. Montana Adults Aged 50 and Older Who Ever Had A Proctosigmoidoscopy, 1993-1997.

